

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024

COUNTY CURRENTS



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Autumn is here, and so is our latest newsletter. The September and October edition of County Currents includes **tax deadline information**, details about community funding, and information about the **temporary office relocation**.

We've Moved

We are excited to announce that the County of Vermilion River Administration office is undergoing major renovations this fall. To accommodate these improvements, staff have temporarily relocated to the County Operations Yard (Public Works and Gas Utility shops) at **505040 HWY 897**. While our office is undergoing construction, we remain committed to providing you with the same high-quality services.

Visit us at our new, temporary, location or access many of our services online at www.vermilion-river.com. Whether you need to pay a bill, report a concern, keep up to date on projects and changing regulations or learn about upcoming Council meetings, our website has you covered.

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Events Calendar

**AB Development
Officer's Week**

SEPTEMBER 22 -28

**FCSS Funding
Application Deadline**

SEPTEMBER 30

Taxes Due

OCTOBER 1

Fire Prevention Week

OCTOBER 6-12

**CEF Application
Deadline**

OCTOBER 11

Office Closed

OCTOBER 14, 2024

If you would like your community event highlighted in the newsletter, please email communications@county24.com

Council Corner

Harvest is in full swing and everyone is extra busy – please be careful as you travel the roads and keep an eye out for equipment and trucks.

The Province of Alberta called upon the County of Vermilion River volunteer fire fighters to help fight the fires in Jasper. Throughout the 25 days County firefighters were in Jasper a total of 11 firefighters took shifts going. The Province also required the use of one of our trucks. We want to thank the firefighters and our Protective Services staff for their response and also a special thank you to the firefighter families – we appreciate your support and the sacrifices you make.

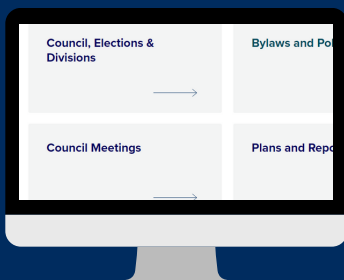
Staff have been busy as council approved the renovation of the Administration Building in Kitscoty. Staff have successfully packed up and made the temporary move to office trailers at the Natural Gas and Public Works yard north of Kitscoty. The renovations are expected to be completed in the fall of 2025 so until then please drive out to our temporary location and follow the signs to the Reception Trailer.

Also high on the priority list for Council has been the County of Vermilion River Land Use Bylaw. The County will be scheduling an open house with the draft Land Use Bylaw for the public to take a look at this fall. Please watch for advertisements as we hope that many of our residents will take the opportunity to attend.

Throughout the Spring and Summer Council has been sending letters and working with other municipalities to ensure the message to the Provincial Government regarding provincial downloading and the need for increased numbers to the Vermilion RCMP detachment was heard. We will continue to advocate on behalf of our residents to ensure the concerns of the County of Vermillion River and rural Alberta remain heard.

On behalf of the County of Vermilion River Council - Deputy Reeve Leslie Cusack, Councillor Dale Swyripa, Councillor Stacey Hryciuk, Councillor George Kuneff, Councillor Jason Stelmaschuk and Councillor Clinton Murray we hope you have a safe fall and we look forward to seeing you at our Land Use Bylaw Open House.

Reeve Marty Baker



Visit our website to view Council highlights and register for upcoming Council meetings

Regular Meeting of Council

OCT 7 & 22

Policy & Priorities Meeting

OCT 15

TAXES DUE OCTOBER 1

All taxes are due October 1, 2024.

All taxes remaining unpaid after the due date of October 1 will have a penalty of 8% imposed the day after the due date. An additional 6% penalty will be imposed on outstanding balances not paid by January 16, 2025. A further penalty of 6% will be applied on balances not paid by May 1, 2025.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

County Office Temporary Location
(505040 HWY 897)

Mail

Online/Telephone Banking

OptionPay Credit Card

UPCOMING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Stay tuned for more details on the upcoming draft of the LUB and MDP public engagement opportunity scheduled for late fall to early winter 2024.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your voice heard and contribute to important planning sessions.

COMMUNITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Family and Community Support Services Funding

Programs that support strengthening the protective factors of individuals, families, and communities to promote wellbeing, reduce vulnerabilities, enhance quality of life and empower them to meet the challenges of life may receive funding through the FCSS funding program. Community groups interested in applying for FCSS funding can find an application on our website. Deadline to apply is September 30, 2024.



Community Enhancement Funding

There are a variety of grants available from the County of Vermilion River. These grants include operational and capital funding options for facilities and community halls, along with event funding. Applications can be found on our website.

Deadline to apply is October 11, 2024.

For more information on any of the community funding opportunities contact the Community Development Coordinator.

ACCESS SNOW CLEARING

The County of Vermilion River provides access snow clearing on residential property to those that qualifying, at a fee as set out in the Fee Bylaw. Clearing of residential laneways will be provided only after all County roads are opened (as per [Policy PW 015](#)).



NEW FOR THE 2024-2025 WINTER SEASON

Application Period : September 1 until November 1 OR until the first snowfall of the winter season

Snow Plow Flags: The County is utilizing digital mapping in conjunction with the completed applications to identify those receiving service. No snow plow flags will be provided.

To fill out an application or learn more about the snow clearing service clearing visit our [website](#).

SMOKE ALARMS

OCTOBER 6-12 2024



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